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Chapter 26

Strategic Workforce Investment

53B-26-101 Title.

This chapter is known as "Strategic Workforce Investment."

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53B-26-102 Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- (1) "College of applied technology" means:
 - (a) a college described in Section 53B-2a-105;
 - (b) the School of Applied Technology at Salt Lake Community College established under Section 53B-16-209;
 - (c) Utah State University Eastern established under Section 53B-18-1201; or
 - (d) the Snow College Richfield campus established under Section 53B-16-205.
- (2) "CTE" means career and technical education.
- (3) "CTE Region" means an economic service area created in Section 35A-2-101.
- (4) "Eligible partnership" means a partnership:
 - (a) between at least two of the following:
 - (i) a college of applied technology;
 - (ii) a school district or charter school; or
 - (iii) an institution of higher education; and
 - (b) that provides educational services within the same CTE region.
- (5) "Employer" means a private employer, public employer, industry association, the military, or a union.
- (6) "Industry advisory group" means:
 - (a) a group of at least five employers that represent the strategic industry cluster that a proposal submitted under Section 53B-26-103 is responsive to; and
 - (b) a representative of the Governor's Office of Economic Development, appointed by the executive director of the Governor's Office of Economic Development.
- (7) "Institution of higher education" means the University of Utah, Utah State University, Southern Utah University, Weber State University, Snow College, Dixie State University, Utah Valley University, and Salt Lake Community College.
- (8) "Stackable sequence of credentials" means a sequence of credentials that:
 - (a) an individual can build upon to access an advanced job or higher wage;
 - (b) is part of a career pathway system;
 - (c) provides a pathway culminating in the equivalent of an associate's or bachelor's degree;
 - (d) facilitates multiple exit and entry points; and
 - (e) recognizes sub-goals or momentum points.

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53B-26-103 GOED reporting requirement -- Proposals -- Funding.

- (1) The Governor's Office of Economic Development shall publish, on a biannual basis, a report detailing the high demand technical jobs projected to support economic growth in high need strategic industry clusters, including:
 - (a) aerospace and defense;
 - (b) energy and natural resources;
 - (c) financial services;
 - (d) life sciences;
 - (e) outdoor products;
 - (f) software development and information technology; or
 - (g) any other strategic industry cluster designated by the Governor's Office of Economic Development.
- (2) To receive funding under this section, an eligible partnership shall submit a proposal containing the elements described in Subsection (3) to the Legislature:
 - (a) on or before July 1, 2016, for fiscal year 2017; or
 - (b) on or before January 5 for fiscal year 2018 and any succeeding fiscal year.
- (3) The proposal shall include:
 - (a) a program of study that:
 - (i) is responsive to the workforce needs of the CTE region in a high need strategic industry cluster as identified by the Governor's Office of Economic Development under Subsection (1);
 - (ii) leads to the attainment of a stackable sequence of credentials; and
 - (iii) includes a non-duplicative progression of courses that include both academic and CTE content;
 - (b) expected student enrollment, attainment rates, and job placement rates;
 - (c) evidence of input and support for the proposal from an industry advisory group;
 - (d) evidence of an official action in support of the proposal from:
 - (i) the Utah College of Applied Technology Board of Trustees, if the eligible partnership includes a college described in Section 53B-2a-105; or
 - (ii) the Board of Regents, if the eligible partnership includes:
 - (A) an institution of higher education; or
 - (B) a college described in Subsection 53B-26-102(1)(b), (c), or (d); and
 - (e) a funding request, including justification for the request.
- (4) The Legislature shall:
 - (a) review a proposal submitted under this section using the following criteria:
 - (i) the proposal contains the elements described in Subsection (3);
 - (ii) support for the proposal is widespread within the CTE region; and
 - (iii) the proposal expands the capacity to meet regional workforce needs;
 - (b) determine the extent to which to fund the proposal; and
 - (c) fund the proposal through the appropriations process.

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